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SUBJECT: BRANDT COMMISSION TO MEET IN BAMAKO

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SUMMARY: WASHINGTON POST REPORTER JIM HOAGLAND INFORMED  
DEPARTMENT APRIL 11 THAT POST OWNER KATHERINE GRAHAM  
WOULD TRAVEL TO BAMAKO ON MAY 14-16 TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
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MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION, BETTER KNOWN AS THE BRANDT COMMISSION. GRAHAM  
WILL ALSO VISIT ABIDJAN, MONROVIA AND DAKAR, AND WILL  
ASK THAT SUITABLE APPOINTMENTS BE ARRANGED FOR HER IN  
THESE COUNTRIES. WE EXPECT TO SEE HOAGLAND APRIL 14  
AND WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS THEN. END SUMMARY.

1. THE BRANDT COMMISSION WAS FORMED IN LATE 1977 AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, IBRD PRESIDENT, TO STUDY LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AS THEY IMPACT ON THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. ACCORDING TO A PROSPECTUS FROM THE COMMISSION, ITS PURPOSE IS TO DEVELOP A NUMBER OF POLITICALLY FEASIBLE COURSES OF ACTION LEADING TO A MORE EQUITABLE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH CAN COMMAND THE SUPPORT OF BOTH RICH AND POOR NATIONS. IT SEEKS TO RAISE

THE STANDARDS OF LIVING AROUND THE WORLD AND TO ELIMINATE ABSOLUTE POVERTY. THE COMMISSION PLANS TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN IN 1979, AND WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO REFTEL B, THE COMMISSION IS PRIVATELY FINANCED LARGELY FROM SOURCES IN GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, CANADA, AND SEVERAL NEAR EAST STATES. THERE ARE 17 COMMISSION MEMBERS INCLUDING, IN ADDITION TO FORMER GERMAN CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT, EDWARD HEATH OF GREAT BRITAIN, PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE OF FRANCE, OLOF PALME OF SWEDEN, EDUARDO FREI OF CHILE, AND ADAM MALIK OF INDONESIA.

3. APART FROM MRS. GRAHAM, THE OTHER AMERICAN CITIZEN MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IS PETER G. PETERSON, FORMER CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND NOW CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF LEHMAN BROTHERS KUHN LOEB, INC., IN NEW YORK CITY. HIS OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE PLANS TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN BAMAKO.

4. FOR ALL AF POSTS: DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM AFRICAN POSTS OF EXACT DATES OF GRAHAM VISIT WHEN KNOWN, AND REQUEST APPOINTMENTS FOR GRAHAM WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

5. FOR BAMAKO: WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

6. FOR GENEVA: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING INFORMAL CONTACT WITH BRANDT COMMISSION SECRETARIAT (REPORTEDLY BASED IN GENEVA AND HEADED BY SWEDISH ECONOMICS PROFESSOR OHLIN) AND REPORTING FROM TIME TO TIME ON COMMISSION'S WORK, BEARING IN MIND THAT COMMISSION IS NON-GOVERNMENTAL. USG POSITION HAS BEEN TO WISH THE COMMISSION WELL WITHOUT TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ITS SUPPORT.

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